here that there had been any great loss of life or destruction of property. It was only this morning, when the people of the adjoining towns and bamlets began to flock into Catania with tragic news, that the full extent of the disaster was realized.

Catania itself suffered little damage. although there was a terrible panic

The centre of the disturbance seemed to be at Linera, a village with a popuation of about 1,000, where the dead and injured numbered more than at any other place. This place and the own of Santa Venerina, with a population of about 2,000, were completely destroyed and the loss of life at Linera is, placed at nearly a hundred, with several hundred injured.

Hundreds of houses were wrecked in the villages of Zerbati, Pennisi, Belpiasso, Santa Maria Vergina Catena and Mangano.

Twenty bodies have been found in the ruins of the hamlets of Pasopomo, Bongiardo and Maiati. Every house was destroyed in the village of Zafferana. Conseutini, another small village, is a heap of ruins.

Roofs of houses fell in and wails collapsed in the hamlets of Santa Maria Ammalati, Carico, Guardia and Santa

The work of rendering aid to the injured and taking care of the homeless was begun in a systematic manner early to-day. The authorities, under the leadership of Prefect Minervini of Catania, under orders from Rome, started out to do all in their power to ald the afflicted, and soon the army. navy, civilian officials and the Red Cross representatives were working harmoniously in an effort to bring some order out of the chaos.

## The Work of Reseuc.

Soldiers, sailors, firemen, priests and private individuals worked together in bringing succor and rendering surgical assistance. Pive hundred soldiers centred at Aci Reale, north of this place, which was regarded as the best place from which to reach all the hamlets which had suffered from the shocks and the fires which followed. They immediately erected 200 Red Cross tents for the purpose of providing shelter for the homeless. Great efforts were also made to rescue any persons who may still be under the debris and in getting bodies from under rulns.

Prender Salandra has sent \$2,000 from Rome to the Prefect of Catania and has promised to see that he gets more, as 1,000 families are homeless and starving. A party consisting of public works officials from Rome are on their way here to organize the work of relief. The Bishop of Aci Reale and many priests are already relieving the sufferers. At the same time they are administering the sacraments and exhorting the survivors to aid the sol-diers' in their work of succor. The Bishop of Aci. Reale for the relief of

The authorities of Catania also commandeered all the automobiles in the vi- Etna to so great an extent that the tithes cinity to assist in the work of rescue. Payable to Rome were remitted for ten All the available nurses were mobilized and are assisting in gathering the homeless; and children who have lost their parents, for whom temporary shelter has been provided. The work of rescue was greatly hindered by the accumulation of debris and also by the danger of egusing it to fall on persons, who were supposed to be buried beneath it and who were thought to be still alive.

Reas, May 9.—The Government took quick action for the relief of the sufferers in the earthquake zone when the lews of last night's disaster reached here to-day. Premier Salandra. Gen. Grandi, the Minister of War, and Admiral Enrico Millo, the Minister of Marine, sent orders to the Prefect of Catania and the comton the prefect of Ca All the available nurses were mobilized years to allow the district to build up and are assisting in gathering the home, again. In the first century B. C. Catina

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Father Alfani, the seismologist, says he is astonished at the registration of the shock at the Florence Observatory in spite of its undoubted volcanic origin and its limited area. The registration of a shock of this character at such a distance, he says, is unprecedented. For this reason he fears that the loss of life is greater than the present estimates.

The Pope was greatly distressed when he learned of the disaster through a despatch sent by Cardinal Francici-Nava, Archbishop of Catania. This ecclesiastic said he was hasterings to the scene of the disaster to bring succor to the survivors.

The most tremendous catastrophe of

disaster to bring succor to the survivors.

The Pope requested the Archbishop to keep him informed as to the situation and ordered Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State, to send all the help he could to the stricken district immediately.

The Pope sent a telegram to the Bishop of Acl Reale to-night authorizing the celebration of mass in the open air to-morrow. He also told the Bishop to instruct the clergy to exhort the people to obey the authorities.

## Queen Likely to Go to Scene.

The King never leaves Rome when Parliament is in session, but Queen Elena is likely to go to Sicily with a party of doc-tors and nurses as soon as the full par-ticulars of the disaster are known. No historical or archaeological build-gs were damaged by the earthquake. composed altogether

lief work, but it is thought that the num-ner of casualties have been fairly well timated and that the information pubregard to the damage in various gio owns has been accurate. It is not likely that any villages were involved besides already enumerated in the des-from Catania, but wide destitupatches from Catania, but wide destitu-tion is feared as a result of the devasta-tion of this fertile region.

Catania, Showing Mount Etna; Position of Towns Affected



CATANIA

MAP SHOWING TOWRS ALONG THE COAST AFFECTED

SYRACUSE

IN THE DISTANCE!

## Previous Earthquake Disasters.

Reports of previous earthquakes show the Messina disaster in 1908 to have been by far the greatest in loss

of life. The list follows: Naples, Italy, December 16, 1857; 12,300 dead.

Charleston, S. C., August 31, 1886; Assam, India, June 12, 1897; number of dead unknown.

Kangra, India, April 4, 1905; 20,000 dead. San Francisco, April 18, 1906; 100

dead. Valparaiso, Chile, August 17, 1906; 3,000 dead.

Jamaica, January 14, 1907; 1,000 dead.

Ferruzzano, Calabria, October 23, 1907; 200 dead. Karatagh, Bokhara, November 3, 1907; 200 dead.

Messina, Italy, December 28, 1908;

150,000 dead.

assistance to those affected by the earthquake. The commanders of the soldiers
were ordered to concentrate their troops
immediately and to carry with them tents,
provisions, clothing and hospital necessarles. A Red Cross contingent was also
despatched to the scene at once.

Premier Salandra announced in the
Chamber of Deputies this evening that 150
persons were killed and that two-thirds of
this number are still buried beneath the
ruins. He placed the number of seriously
injured at 120.

Tathe buildings of importance include the
Cathedral of St. Agatha, containing the
relies of the saint; the Benedictine abbey
of St. Nicola; the university, founded in
1444; the-Castell Ursino, and the remains
of several Roman structures. The theatre, originally Roman, but, destroyed by a
lava stream, giving place to a Greek structure, once seated 7,000 persons. The
amphitheatre, the third largest known, has
been partly excavated. The grim history
of the city is recorded in the use for the
building of even so ancient a building as
this of lava blocks.

The most tremendous catastrophe modern times was the earthquake and tidal wave which on December 28, 1908. destroyed the city of Messina, just across the strait of Messina from the Italian mainland, and Reggio di Calabria and other towns on the southern coast of Italy. The centre of the disturbance at that time was about sixty miles to the north of Catania, the scene of yesterday's earthquake.

Official figures for the earthquake Which destroyed Messina and the Calabrian towns put the number of deaths at 100,000. Unofficial estimates were about 150,000. Hundreds of thousands were roughly estimated at more than a billion dollars.

The shocks began at 5 o'clock in the morning and lasted for about thirty-two minutes. The range of the disaster from the point of view of serious damage was

sina, lost 7,000 out of a total population of 16,000; in the province of Reg-gio 15,000 were killed out of a total population of 34,000. Some reports say 108,000 lost their lives in Messina alone. It was estimated last fall that 30,000 of

Messina proper before the earthquake Puts Doubters in Wishbone Family. Wednesday.

It suffered from an eruption of Mount 1912, Messina and Reggio were shaken nuisance.

violently. Reggio took the brunt of this shock and, since the city had not been rebuilt, the damage was not great.

BY THE EARTHQUAKE Y

CILY

organization

Rome, May 9.—At to-day's session of chinery of business of limiting the initia the International Council of Women Mrs. tive and effective energy of the people. Creighton, one of the English delegates, moved a resolution for the protection of moved a resolution for the protection hirds. The resolution pledged the coun-birds. cil to attempt to secure legislation in all business in the United States in jeopardy countries to prevent the destruction of of fine and imprisonment." birds for dress adornment.

Queen Elena received the members of executive committee of the council ay. She was most cordial in her very much interested in their work.

## DANISH MONARCHS IN LONDON.

## ter From King George.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN

## HE BELIEVES THE COLONEL. Sir Henry Seton-Karr Puts His

Faith in Roosevelt. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

LONDON, May 9 .- Sir Henry Seton-Karr, big game hunter, who is a passenger The region is composed altogether of agricultural towns and unimportant villages, and the people are poor. The victims appear to have been all Italians, as the names of no foreigners are mentioned as among the dead or missing.

The Government has taken over all the wires which remain standing for its relief work, but it is thought that the number of casualities have been fairly well.

Reggio, just across the strait from Messian did not believe Col. Roosevelt would tell a lie about the discovery of the river. "Many people do not believe the Colone's sing, just across the strait from Messian, lost 7,000 out of a total population." statement," said Sir Henry, "but I do. It must be remembered that all explorers are jealous of each other."

## LET T. R.'S CRITICS RAVE!

these remained unburied five years after Dr. Cook Believes the Colonel and six days of hearings, beginning last the catastrophe.

sians taking possession. The earlier Catholians recovered their birthright in 461

B. C. Catina was taken by Plonystus of Syrabuse in 413 B. C., and by the Romans in 263 B. C.

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## Philadelphia Board of Trade Prepares Vigorous Protest

to Congress.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9 .- The Philadeltion are expected to-morrow business. Copies of the protest will be by Miss Mabel Boardman, presi-Boardman, presi- sent to every member of Congress, and to various trade bodies throughout the coun-

try. The memorial, reads in part: "It is certain the country must suffer unless the laws affecting business are framed with scientific accuracy to prohibit only the thing that is wrong without interfering with the convenient machinery of business of limiting the initia-

The terms of the measure, the memorial contends, "would place every one doing

Holding that the omnibus bill makes it a crime to discriminate in prices between purchasers of commodities with the intent to injure a competitor, the memorial con-tends that while no one would disagree with the general moral purpose of the provision, the act as drawn would do sub-stantial harm, as "there is such a thing as an effort to wantonly destroy the busi-ness of a competitor by means other than these recognized as fair competition.

It goes on to say:
"Discriminations in price are essential

London, May 9.—King Christian X. and Queen Alexandrine of Denmark arrived in London to-day and were entertained at a state banquet at Buckingham Palace to-night.

Sing George conferred the Order of the lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would in the East if lower price than he would be an expectation of the manufacture of the manufa King George conferred the Order of the he had there a small supply and an active demand. He must sell at an advancing or declining scale of prices and on such mar-ket as may exist in different localities."

"It follows therefore that every person in a competitive business who cuts prices in order to obtain the business formerly held by some other competitor would come within the terms of the act. The act as drawn should not therefore be present. It would blue every one doing passed. It would place every one doing business in the United States in jeopardy of fine and imprisonment

## NEW ANTI-TRUST BILL URGED. Merchants Propose More Definite Powers for Trade Board.

WASHINGTON, May 9 .- There is a notable lack of interest in the public hearings arranged by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce on the new Senate anti-trust bill. It was arranged to have

CATANIA HAS GRIM HISTORY.

Town Often Sacked and Threatened by Etna's Lava Streams.

Catania is a city of some 160,000 inhabitants, which mabitants, on the east coast of Sielly, fifty-rine miles by rail south of Messina.

The ancient town, Cathan, was founded in 729 B. C. by colonists from Naxos.

The city was depopulated by Hiero I. in 476 B. C. and its inhabitants were moved me Leontini. Syracusans and Peloponnesians taking possession. The earlier Catinans recovered their birthright in 461

Taking the contained about \$50,000 inhabitants, while the contained about \$50,000 inhabitants, while the contained about \$50,000 inhabitants, while the commune embracing the city had some 152,000.

The wooden temporary city which grew on the colonel's story as bout 170,000 people, a greater how houses about 170,000 people, a greater how house

REDMOND DENIES ULTIMATUM.

Says There Is No Difference of Opinion Among Nationalists.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 9,-John Redmond, the rish leader, says he has received no ultimatum from the Nationalist members of Parliament in regard to home rule, which, according to the Morning Post this morning, he was asked to present to Premier Asquith.

Mr. Redmond says that the Morning Post's story that the Nationalists had told him to inform Mr. Asquith that if further concessions are made to Ulster or if the home rule bill is not passed in its present shape during the present month they would withdraw from support of the Government, is untrue. Mr. Redmond added that "there is not the smallest difference of opinion among the Nationalists."

Inquiries among the Nationalist members of Parliament failed to substantiate the newspaper story, which, according to Michael Joseph Flavin, Nationalist M. P. for North Kerry, is a pure invention.

# SIX WOMEN AND GIRL TAKEN AS SHOPLIFTERS

All the Women Deny Charges, but Child Admits Guilt

Promptly.

Six women and one small girl were taken to the West Thirtieth street station yesterday as shoplifters. All were Africa, was another passeng charged with petty larceny. Spring finery which had not been paid for shooting. He said before leaving that the said before leaving the said be was found on the prisoners. The women denied any intent of wrong doing, but the girl confessed.

Mrs. Julia Economon, 32 years old, and Anthena Papas, 11 years old, both of

255 Seventh avenue, were arrested in a
Sixth avenue store on complaint of Clemon Brownell, the manager. The girl

and W. A. Swasey. mon Brownell, the manager. The girl ection of objets d'art and furniture. The carried an overcoat in which were babies' total realized in the two days' sale was dresses, silk collars, &c. 203,284 francs (\$40,657). The highest

A desk with three drawers of the Louis

XVI. period sold for 4,800 francs (\$960). FARLEY SEES THE POPE TO-DAY. Cardinal Dines at American College

and Chats With Students, Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, May 9 .- Cardinal Farley of New York, who arrived here yesterday on hi

SELIGMANN SALE ENDS.

\$40,657 Realized in Two Days' Dis-

posal of Collection.

Special Cable Despatch to Tue Sex

PARIS. May 9 .- This was the second and

ast day of the sale of the Seligmann col-

price realized, 7,300 francs (\$1,460), was

DUBLIN, May 9.—The authorities here seized to-day twenty cases of American for trial in Special Sessions. Mrs. Pierson was discharged. Mrs. Strawn and Miss Seeds pleaded guilty and were held ship Lord Charlemont, which sailed from in \$500 bail each for Special Sessions. seized to-day twenty cases of American ship Lord Charlemont, which sailed from A BLOW TO BUSINESS ship Lord Charlemont, which sailed from in \$ Allers and Al ship Lord Charlemont, which sailed from
Baltimore on April 18 for Belfast and
Dublin. The Lord Charlemont, which arrived at Belfast on May 4, discharged

In \$500 ball each for Special Sessions. Alice and Helen Hall were held for examination on May 16.

Athena Papas was placed in charge of the Children's society for arraignment in by the pilot in turning the mach part of her cargo at that port.

Athena. paid for a writing desk of the Louis XVI.

a tailormade broadcloth gown, who said she lived at the Hotel Bristol, 122 West Forty-ninth street, was arrested West Forty-night street, was arrested at a Fifth avenue leather goods store for picking up an unpaid for lady's bag containing a vanity set valued at \$15. She expects to the containing at vanity set valued at \$15. She expects to the containing at v her son was to arrive from London and hat she thoughtlessly walked outside with he bag, expecting to meet him at the oor. The police telephoned to the hotel no the manager told them Mrs. Pierson was an estimable woman.

the juverile court to-morrow.

# CAN'T FIND A NEW **AUTHOR IN ENGLAND**

Joseph H. Sears of Appletons Returning on Lusitania Somewhat Disappointed.

OTHERS ON THE STEAMER

Morris Gest to Bring "The Story of the Rosary" to New York.

Special Cable Despatch to Tue LONDON, May 9 .- Joseph H. Scare dent of D. Appleton & Co., the No. publishers, sailed for New York tout the Cunard liner Lusitania. He sa ; after inspecting the English field in unable to see anything resembling new author on the horizon. Morris Gest, the theatrical pr

another passenger on the Lusitan nounced that he had engaged Walter ard's company to give his play. Story of the Rosary," at the Man Opera House, New York, at the re-August. He has also secured the can rights to Theodor Kosloff's for ing production of "He and the." The Right Hon. Sir Saville Brinto ment of sharpshooters in the war

"I know Mexico well and car the United States has an impos on its hands in trying to pacify

MRS. T. J. PRESTON RETURNING "I did it; Mrs. Economon didn't," said Former Mrs. Cleveland Will Make

Short Stay Here. Special Cable Despatch to THE S. LONDON, May 9 .- Mrs. T. J. 14

work in the British Museum, in a

MRS. DURYEA ON LA PROVENCE

York, who arrived here yesterday on his ad limina visit, will be received in audience by the Pope to-morrow.

The Cardinal took dinner to-day at the American College, where he chatted with the students, ten of whom are from New York.

ARMS FROM U. S. FOR BELFAST.

Part of Cargo From Baltimore Seized at Dublin.

Special Cable Despate to The Sun Dublin, May 9.—The authorities here will be despecial Sessions. Mrs. Piersund Ladau to the manager of them the manager of the manager of the manager of the manager of them was a estimable woman.

Mrs. Imo Strawn, 21, and Miss Eise Seeds, 21, both of 30 West Sixteenth street, were charged with taking \$17.50 worth of silks, laves, hostery and collars from another Sixth avenue store.

Alice Hall, 30 years old, and Heien Hall, both of Greenwich, Conn., were accussed of taking gloves, lingeric and a waist, all valued at \$17.50 from a West Special Cable Despate to The Sus Special Cable Despate t

STETTIN, May 9 -- Two Germanistors, Lieuts, Faber and Kur killed to-day while attempting to a landing here in the zeroplane in



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